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1. Partial agreement reached on Austrian treaty--Secretary of State Acheson reports from Paris that at the 16 June session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, Vishinsky agreed to the following terms for an Austrian treaty: (a) Austria's frontiers shall be those of January 1938; (b) the Austrian Government shall guarantee protection of the minority rights of the Slovenes and Croats; (c) reparations shall not be exacted from Austria, although Austria shall lose its right to its assets in Yugoslavia; (d) certain oil rights in Austria shall be transferred to the USSR; and (e) the USSR shall relinquish the German assets in Austria, in return for the payment by Austria of \$150 million in six years. Vishinsky, however, was rigid in his insistence not only that the USSR must receive all Danube shipping properties in eastern Austria, including the Vienna docks, but that these properties be exempt from nationalization and that all disputes between the USSR and Austria be settled through bilateral negotiations. The Secretary indicates that when the western powers suggested that shipping properties be studied further by the Deputy Foreign Ministers, Vishinsky declared he would seek further instructions from Moscow. The Secretary reports that the British and French delegations, as well as Austrian Foreign Minister Gruber, are doubtful whether outstanding issues should prevent agreement on a treaty.

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